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**MESSAGE:**

**RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/082,361 filed February 22, 2002**  
**Applicant: Yoshiki MINOWA, et al.; For: CARD-MAKING METHOD AND SYSTEM AS WELL AS**  
**HEAT TREATMENT MECHANISM FOR CARDS AND IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS**  
**INCORPORATING THE SAME**

See attached Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a). Per your recent phone message citing MPEP 714.6, you indicated that Examiners have the authority to enter amendments after allowance, which merely cancel claims. Such action is requested.

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Title: CARD-MAKING METHOD AND SYSTEM AS WELL AS HEAT TREATMENT...

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The Following, due 05/10/04 in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
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Yoshiki MINOWA et al

Serial No: 10/082,361

Filed: February 22, 2002

For: CARD-MAKING METHOD AND SYSTEM AS WELL AS HEAT  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.  
☐ A certified copy of Patent Application No. filed from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to issuance of the allowed application more fully identified above,  
please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.